

OGC/B-8188(a)

13 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

SUBJECT : Living Quarters and Furnishings Overseas

1. Attached is the staff study on housing we discussed on Friday, together with a memorandum to the DD/S from me. [] had recommended (his paragraph 2a) that the paper be referred to the General Counsel for confirmation that the DCI may authorize a supplementary quarters allowance when unusual circumstances exist. My memorandum confirms the view that there is authority.

2. Although only this precise question was referred to us, I have also made two other observations.

3. One point which I have not mentioned is that [] memorandum implies that this Office concurred in the attached staff study, this by virtue of the fact that I served on what he refers to as an ad hoc committee. In fact, we had not concurred; the paper was written during my absence and forwarded to the DD/S with the recommendation that it thereafter come to us.

4. In my judgment the usefulness of the staff study is limited in that it makes statements purporting to be facts without supporting them. For example, paragraph 2b states that Agency policy is not consistent with policies of other Government agencies and in some cases has resulted in criticism of the Agency [] It would seem to me that the recipients of this staff study, in order to understand it and judge it and make a decision concerning it, would be better served if the paper stated the particulars in which our policies are inconsistent with policies of other agencies and the extent of criticism []

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